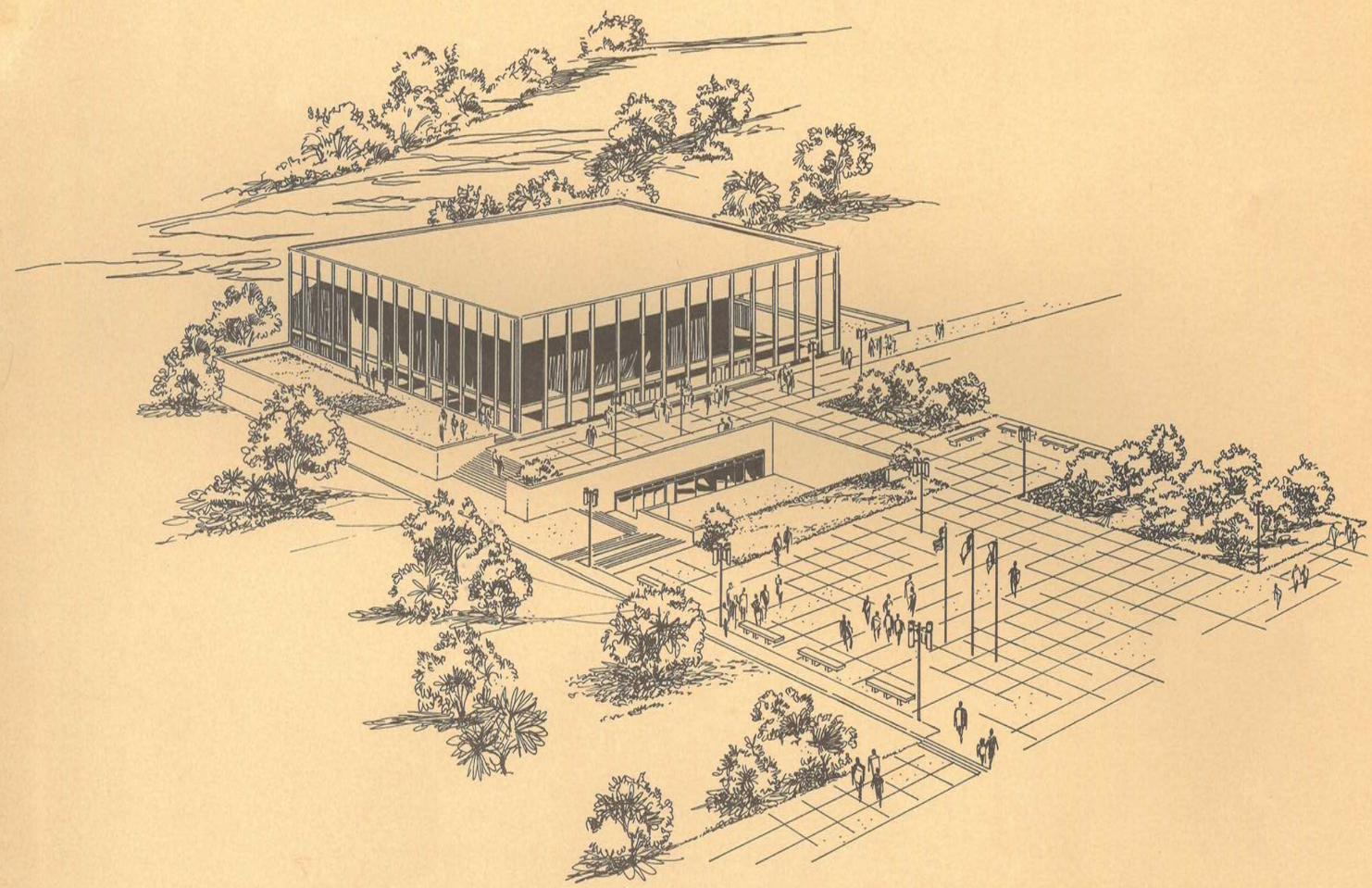

HEMMENS MEMORIAL BUILDING AND AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1969

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

HISTORICAL NOTE

Hattie Pease Hemmens died April 1, 1957. Her will designated The First National Bank of Elgin as Trustee and authorized the Trustee, contingent upon its judgment and discretion, to use and apply the Trust Estate " . . . to establish and maintain a not-for-profit Community Building and Auditorium in the City of Elgin, Illinois . . . ".

Many dedicated citizens worked diligently and selflessly in countless ways to help bring this project, together with its wider community implications, to fruition.

In March 1960, following a number of presentations concerning effective use of the "Hemmens Fund," the Trustee's Board of Directors adopted a resolution finding a need for a building as specified in the Will. Between this date and the actual groundbreaking ceremony on June 2, 1967 significant events included selection of a site, planning of this structure and its incorporation into the whole Civic Center Development, successful pursuit of federal funds for urban renewal, and the urban rehabilitation bond referendum of November 1962. In April 1963 the Elgin City Council adopted a resolution authorizing formal, specified cooperation between the City and the Hemmens Estate Trustee in the pending construction.

Tonight, Thursday, October 9, 1969, the keystone has been capped.

These brief notes, recorded in this memorial booklet, may recall the years of effort, disappointments, frustrations, and eventual successes for all who took part in achieving Elgin's Civic Center, with the Hemmens Memorial Building and Auditorium as a central member of the group.

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PROGRAM

Our National Anthem ..... Audience and Choir
Elgin Community College Choir and Brass Ensemble

Directed by Mr. E. Arthur Hill
Chairman, Department of Music

The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Introductions .....Mr. Dean Chipman, Concert General Chairman
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Mr. Gilbert I. Renner
President, Elgin Community College

Mr. Randle E. Johnson
Vice President and Trust Officer, The First National Bank of Elgin

Mr. Robert L. Brunton
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Concert

FERRANTE and TEICHER

Piano Portraits

Ferrante and Teicher play Baldwin Pianos